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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,002,062
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,353,016
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,601,489
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,949,492
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,973,475
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,014,593
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,229,694

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- (8) WO 95/35534
- (9) Germany 36 37 684
- (10) Japan 59-123986
- (11) Japan 4-88547
- (12) Japan 3-71329

English language abstracts for each of documents (8) through (12) have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

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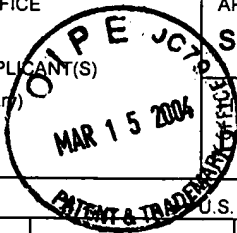
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